

REMARKS

The enclosed is responsive to the Office Action mailed on November 20, 2008. At the time the Examiner mailed the Office Action claims 1-21 and 23 were pending. By way of the present response Applicant has amended claims 1, 4 and 15 in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 3 has been canceled. No new claims have been added. As such, claims 1-2, 4-21 and 23 are now pending. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application and the allowance of all claims now presented.

Interview Summary

Applicant thanks Examiners Francis P. Smith and Mikhail Kornakov for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview held on January 28, 2009. During the interview the differences between Gorczyca (US 2002/0094686 A1), Choi (US 6,833,279 B2) and Applicant's claims 1, 3 and 4 were discussed. An agreement for the currently pending claims was not reached. An agreement was reached that a claim amendment to independent claim 1 limiting the dielectric coating composition to aluminum oxide, zirconium oxide, yttrium oxide and combinations thereof would overcome the rejections of claim 1. Applicant has so amended claim 1.

In view of the present amendment to claim 1 Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-2, 4-21 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3), applicant(s) hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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